GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE UNDER INFORMAL EDUCATION SCHEMES TO JHARKHAND AND BIHAR
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects for which the Union Government have provided assistance under the informal education scheme in Jharkhand and Bihar during each of the last three years;

(b) whether any representation in this regard has been received by the Government ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to provide assistance to Jharkhand and Bihar for informal education scheme ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Non-Formal Education(NFE), the undivided State of Bihar,including areas in Jharkhand, were provided with financial assistance for running of Non-Formal Education centres for "out-of school" children in the age-group 6-14. This Scheme came to a close on 31.3.2001.

The details of financial assistance given in the past three years is indicated below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
1543.97	1721.11	2086.45

(b) & (c) No representation regarding the functioning of the Non Formal Education Scheme had been received fromthe State Governments of Bihar and Jharkhand.

(d) & (e) A new scheme called "Education Guarantee Scheme & Alternative and Innovative Education" has been launched with effect from 1st April, 2001 as part of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan forthe benefit of "out of school" children after the conclusion of the earlier scheme of Non-Formal Education. This scheme envisages assistance for opening of EGS centres and Alternative and Innovative projects based on proposals recommended by State Governments. As the proposals of Governments of Jharkhand and Bihar were not complete, they were asked to furnish clarifications.